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Bienvenido! Soo dhowow! أهلاً وسهلاً! Kyo tzo pa eit! Welcome to the first edition of Mayor Dean's regular update about events of interest to Nashville's New American communities!

MyCity Academy Now Accepting Applications

Launched in 2012 as the first of its kind in the nation, MyCity Academy empowers New Americans to understand and participate in Nashville's government. More than twenty countries have been represented so far among MyCity participants.



Over the course of seven months, MyCity participants meet with leaders from Metro departments and tour Metro facilities. In doing so, they gain a better understanding of how their government works and learn how to resolve issues and obtain information.

Upon graduation, MyCity participants are able to help their communities understand and access government services. MyCity graduates also have the opportunity to interact with New Americans from other communities through their participation in the MyCity alumni network.

The next session of MyCity Academy begins in March 2014 and is offered at no cost to participants. Individuals who are interested in applying should [review the course information](#) and fill out the [online application](#) by **February 7, 2014**. Questions may be directed to newamericans@nashville.gov.



Mayor and Community Leaders Mark Fifth Anniversary of Victory Against English Only

Mayor Karl Dean last week joined with Nashville for All of Us and the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the victory against English Only with a vibrant celebration at Casa Azafrán.

On Jan. 22, 2009, 57 percent of voters rejected a ballot initiative that would have forced Metro government to do business in English. Had the measure passed, Nashville would have been the largest city in the country with an English Only rule.

Mayor Dean described the victory this way: "It wasn't what my office was doing that mattered so much, or what anyone in government was doing that really shaped the outcome. It was the people of Nashville and the way they came together that defined us as a place that cares about each other and knows how to make a collective decision that is in the best interest of all."

TODAY:

Join Mayor Dean and the Nashville Sounds at the Groundbreaking of the New Ballpark



Mayor Dean and the Nashville Sounds will host a groundbreaking for the city's new minor league ballpark at **3:30 p.m. TODAY--Monday, Jan. 27**--at the future ballpark site at Sulphur Dell. (Enter on Fifth Avenue near Jackson Street.) A Family Fun Festival will follow from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The Family Fun Festival will include free refreshments and baseball-themed activities for kids. It will also include a special appearance by Major League Baseball player Albert Pujols.

The ballpark is expected to be completed in time for the 2015 season.

